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1. The level of production in the Getriebebau Wetzel, Leipzig, has remained unchanged for the past two months. The only changes have been in items of production.
2. In October and early November 1953, about 40 gear trains for 100 hp. with a reduction ratio of 1 : 6.6 were built. On this account the production of type DZ 115-50 gears was suspended. Twelve pieces of Type LW 80, reduction ratio 1 : 3.6, were produced in Oct. and three 100 PS, Type 87954. The VEB Getriebebau Kirschau and SAG Krupp Gruson, Magdeburg, furnished single parts and cogwheels. Manganese and turbine steels are delivered from Henningsdorf.
3. The gear type WG 4-24 went into production in mid-November 1953. Production of types KDZ 4-50 and SZ 5-65 is planned for the end of November.
4. A number of new machines were received in October, including two milling machines and several lathes. The machines were originally built for the Soviet Union, but the Soviet Union waived delivery on account of its orders placed with Wetzel. A Soviet order on which work has not yet commenced is reported to be for more than 100 continuous gear drives. The report is that production has not begun because of lack of enough heat-resistant material.

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